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## **Community Encouraged to Visit Governor's Mansion Before Historic Treasure Closes for Renovations in 2015**

### ***Traditional "Christmas Memories" Events Available in December***

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – The California State Historic Governor's Mansion Foundation, in partnership with California State Parks, encourage the community to visit the historic Governor's Mansion State Historic Park (SHP) in December before it temporarily closes to the public on January 1, 2015, for extensive renovations and rehabilitation efforts.

Throughout the month of December, the Governor's Mansion SHP is open for guided tours on Wednesdays through Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Plus, on two Saturdays – December 6 and 13 – guests can enjoy the Mansion during the special "Christmas Memories" event that will include elaborate holiday decorations, festive live holiday music, children's activities, captivating storytellers and docents in period attire sharing holiday-related stories of past governors and their families. Also, Santa and Mrs. Claus will make special visits to the Mansion to meet excited little ones and be available for holiday photographs.

Prior to the upcoming renovation and rehabilitation effort, significant restoration work has already been done and/or is currently underway at the Governor's Mansion SHP due to a variety of partnerships, donations, fundraising efforts and private/matched funds (through AB1478). In 2013, an extensive third floor restoration effort and exterior lighting project was completed, much to the delight of the visiting public. In the latter part of 2014, the period-appropriate and/or historic furnishings were moved out of the Mansion so the windows, hardwood floors and area rugs could be professional cleaned; the aging wallpaper could be removed; the first and second floor walls could be repaired and repainted; and the hardware throughout the Mansion could be cleaned and polished.

[For more information on the renovation project that will begin in 2015, read the State Parks Press Release.](#)

During the month of December – except for “Christmas Memories” – the Mansion is offering half-price admission to all visitors. Admission cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for youths ages 6 to 17. During “Christmas Memories” on December 6 and 13 only, admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth (ages 6 to 17). Admission for children ages five and under is always free. For more information about the Governor’s Mansion SHP or the special “Christmas Memories” activities, please visit [www.parks.ca.gov/governorsmansion](http://www.parks.ca.gov/governorsmansion).

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**About the Governor’s Mansion State Historic Park**

*Beginning with Governor George Pardee and his wife Helen in 1903, the stately Governor’s Mansion State Historic Park served as the home of 13 California governors and their families until 1967, when then-Governor Ronald Reagan and wife Nancy became the last to live there. Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Historic Governor’s Mansion Foundation, the Governor’s Mansion is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. For more information, call (916) 323-3047 or visit [www.parks.ca.gov/governorsmansion](http://www.parks.ca.gov/governorsmansion).*